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1. Amado Zapata Toro and Ignacio Lлевano, prominent Colombian Communists, purchased one-way tickets from Bogota to Paris, France, on 10 November 1951, with the following itinerary:

10 November Bogota-Barranquilla, via Avianca Flight 660  
11 November Barranquilla-Amsterdam, Holland, via KLM Flight 703/656  
12 November Amsterdam-Paris, France, via KLM Flight 401.

2. Their final destination is Prague, Czechoslovakia, for which tickets have been purchased by Louis Saillant, well-known LFTU leader, through the KLM airlines office in Vienna, Austria.\*

3. Amado Zapata Toro, who has been a member of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) for several years, was a candidate in June 1951 for president of the Miners' Union, which is affiliated with the independent Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC). At the Fourteenth Plenum of the PCC, he was elected to the Central Committee.\*\* In September 1951 he was on the PCC ticket for election to the House of Representatives.

4. Zapata, who is a miner, dresses and speaks like a poorly-educated and ignorant person, but he is actually very intelligent. It is reported that the president of the Miners' Union acts only on Zapata's orders.

5. The ostensible purpose of Zapata's trip is to receive medical treatment in Paris. Dr. Roman Posada Madrid, from whom Zapata obtained medical certificates, is also a Communist.

6. Llevano, who is at present head of the Cundinamarca Railway Union and a member of the Secretariat of the Independent CTC, was a PCC candidate in September for election to the House of Representatives from the Department of Cundinamarca.

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7. On 19 October Gilberto Vieira White, Secretary General of the PCC, stated that Diego Montana Cuellar, who is an important Communist labor leader in Colombia, might be travelling to Caracas, Venezuela, and then to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend a conference. Upon completion of the conference he would return to Bogota via the southern route stopping at Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, and Quito.
  8. It was also reported that Dr. Alfonso Barberena, who is a Communist, is planning a trip to Paris.
  9. Octavio Marulanda, a Communist and a close friend of Zapata, recently received a passport to travel in Latin America, and is tentatively planning to visit Mexico.
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